

**Prescription Medicines<sup>a</sup>-Median and Mean Expenses per Person With Expense and Distribution of Expenses by Source of Payment: United States, 2000**

Population Characteristic	Population (in thousands)	Percent with expense	Per person with an expense		Total Expenses (in millions)	Percent distribution of total expenses by source of payment				
			Median	Mean		Out of pocket	Private insurance <sup>b</sup>	Medicare	Medicaid	Other <sup>c</sup>
<b>Total</b>	278,406	62.3	186	594	102,992	46.1	33.9	4.6	11.2	4.2
<b><u>Age in years</u></b>										
Under 65	243,624	58.5	136	485	69,171	41.0	42.4	0.9	12.9	2.8
Under 6	24,126	56.9	32	86	1,174	42.9	34.0	0.1*	21.7	1.2*
6-17	48,405	46.2	61	213	4,752	32.9	47.0	0.1*	17.7	2.4*
18-44	109,021	56.0	121	382	23,297	39.6	43.0	0.3*	15.8	1.2
45-64	62,072	73.3	434	878	39,948	42.8	41.7	1.4*	10.4	3.9
65 and over	34,782	88.3	695	1,102	33,821	56.6	16.6	12.1	7.7	7.0
<b><u>Sex</u></b>										
Male	135,882	54.9	146	546	40,780	41.0	35.0	4.4	10.7	9.0
Female	142,524	69.2	219	631	62,212	49.5	33.2	4.7	11.5	1.1
<b><u>Race/ethnicity</u></b>										
White and Other	209,401	66.6	214	626	87,381	46.6	36.0	4.5	8.9	4.1
Black	35,049	50.8	125	487	8,657	44.2	22.4	4.6	22.3	6.5
Hispanic	33,955	47.2	92	434	6,954	42.4	22.4	5.4	26.5	3.2
<b><u>Health insurance status<sup>d</sup></u></b>										
<65, Any private	182,658	61.7	144	445	50,128	38.4	58.5	0.4*	1.4*	1.5
<65, Public only	28,622	62.1	119	810	14,396	35.7	0.0*	3.1*	57.1	4.1
<65, Uninsured	32,344	37.6	89	382	4,647	86.3	0.0*	0.0*	0.0*	13.7
65+, Medicare only	11,515	87.6	627	1,041	10,504	69.4	0.0*	17.9	0.0*	12.7
65+, Medicare and private	19,570	88.8	708	1,059	18,410	54.0	30.5	10.1	0.7*	4.7
65+, Medicare and other public	3,568	89.0	934	1,541	4,895	38.6	0.0*	6.9	50.6	3.9*
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b><u>Poverty status<sup>e</sup></u></b>										
Negative or Poor	32,053	58.6	139	691	12,984	44.5	9.2	4.1	38.8	3.4
Near-poor	12,196	60.2	213	749	5,496	55.6	8.0	5.0*	27.4	4.0
Low income	37,059	59.6	181	685	15,148	51.3	20.2	5.3	16.5	6.8
Middle income	90,343	61.9	176	569	31,787	47.4	35.7	5.9	6.6	4.4
High income	106,754	64.8	205	543	37,578	42.2	50.3	3.2	1.0*	3.3
<b><u>Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)</u></b>										
MSA	224,935	61.2	173	574	79,030	44.9	35.2	5.2	11.0	3.8
Non-MSA	51,022	67.0	239	671	22,949	49.9	30.0	2.5	12.1	5.5
Missing	2,448	61.2	334	676	1,014	59.2	23.8*	2.6*	5.7*	8.7*
<b><u>Census Region</u></b>										
Northeast	52,636	64.3	172	605	20,470	44.3	35.2	6.4	11.0	3.1
Midwest	64,536	64.1	204	622	25,745	46.1	38.0	3.6	8.8	3.6
South	97,373	62.6	223	622	37,963	49.0	33.0	2.2	11.4	4.3
West	63,861	58.1	135	507	18,814	42.3	28.8	8.6	14.1	6.1

**Standard Errors for Prescription Medicines<sup>a</sup>-Median and Mean Expenses per Person With Expense and Distribution of Expenses by Source of Payment: United States, 2000**

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			Median	Mean		Out of pocket	Private insurance <sup>b</sup>	Medicare	Medicaid	Other <sup>c</sup>
<b>Total</b>	†	0.5	5	12	4,936	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.9	0.4
<b><u>Age in years</u></b>										
Under 65	†	0.6	3	12	4,061	0.9	1.2	0.3	1.1	0.4
Under 6	†	1.4	3	7	118	2.7	3.4	0.1*	3.9	0.8*
6-17	†	1.0	4	20	492	2.9	4.3	0.1*	3.6	1.9*
18-44	†	0.7	4	16	1,749	1.4	2.1	0.1*	2.5	0.2
45-64	†	0.9	20	30	2,431	1.4	1.5	0.4*	1.1	0.6
65 and over	†	0.7	26	31	1,551	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.7
<b><u>Sex</u></b>										
Male	†	0.7	7	16	2,555	1.0	1.4	0.5	1.5	0.8
Female	†	0.7	7	18	2,921	1.1	1.3	0.6	1.0	0.1
<b><u>Race/ethnicity</u></b>										
White and Other	†	0.6	7	14	4,662	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.9	0.4
Black	†	1.3	9	31	895	2.3	2.1	1.1	3.3	1.8
Hispanic	†	1.1	5	25	739	2.3	1.9	1.0	3.1	0.9
<b><u>Health insurance status<sup>d</sup></u></b>										
<65, Any private	8,688	0.7	4	14	3,103	1.0	1.0	0.2*	0.6*	0.3
<65, Public only	1,863	1.5	12	48	1,443	2.5	0.0*	1.0*	2.4	1.2
<65, Uninsured	1,710	1.0	6	28	445	2.2	0.0*	0.0*	0.0*	2.2
65+, Medicare only	729	1.3	49	51	861	2.4	0.0*	2.4	0.0*	1.7
65+, Medicare and private	971	0.9	32	42	1,201	1.7	1.6	1.2	0.5*	0.6
65+, Medicare and other public	280	2.1	89	121	520	3.1	0.0*	1.5	3.7	1.3*
65+, Missing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b><u>Poverty status<sup>e</sup></u></b>										
Negative or Poor	†	1.2	17	41	1,212	2.5	1.6	0.9	3.0	0.7
Near-poor	†	2.0	39	68	627	3.5	1.5	1.5*	3.4	1.0
Low income	†	1.3	17	41	1,087	2.4	1.9	1.0	3.1	1.2
Middle income	†	0.8	8	17	1,709	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.1	0.7
High income	†	0.8	8	20	2,321	1.2	1.3	0.5	0.3*	0.5
<b><u>Metropolitan statistical area (MSA)</u></b>										
MSA	†	0.6	6	14	4,520	0.9	1.2	0.6	1.1	0.4
Non-MSA	†	1.1	15	29	1,993	1.7	1.8	0.5	1.3	0.9
Missing	†	3.9	56	115	205	9.2	9.0*	1.2*	1.9*	4.1*
<b><u>Census Region</u></b>										
Northeast	†	1.2	11	28	1,597	2.2	2.5	1.3	1.7	0.7
Midwest	†	1.4	14	28	2,339	1.8	2.4	0.7	2.1	0.5
South	†	0.8	10	19	2,488	1.1	1.5	0.2	1.5	0.5
West	†	1.3	8	19	3,051	1.4	1.8	2.5	1.3	1.1

a Expenses for all prescribed medicines initially purchased or otherwise obtained during the year, as well as any refills, are included. Free samples are included in the estimate of percent of persons with any expense.

b Private insurance includes Tricare (Armed-Forces-related coverage).

c Other includes other public programs such as Department of Veterans Affairs (except Tricare); other Federal sources (Indian Health Service, military treatment facilities, and other care provided by the Federal Government); other State and local sources (community and neighborhood clinics, State and local health departments, and State programs other than Medicaid); and other public (Medicaid payments reported for persons who were not enrolled in the Medicaid program at any time during the year). Other also includes Worker's Compensation; other unclassified sources (e.g., automobile, homeowner's, liability, and other miscellaneous or unknown sources); and other private insurance (any type of private insurance payments reported for persons without private health insurance coverage during the year, as defined in MEPS).

d Uninsured refers to persons uninsured during the entire year. Public and private health insurance categories refer to individuals with public or private insurance at any time during the period; individuals with both public and private insurance and those with Tricare (Armed-Forces-related coverage) are classified as having insurance.

e Poor refers to incomes below the Federal poverty line; near poor, over the poverty line through 125 percent of the poverty line; low income, over 125 percent through 200 percent of the poverty line; middle income, over 200 percent to 400 percent of the poverty line; and high income, over 400 percent of the poverty line.

† Standard error approximately zero because of poststratification to Census Bureau population control tables.

-- Less than 100 sample cases.

\* Relative standard error equal to or greater than 30%.

**Source:** Center for Financing, Access and Cost Trends, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, 2000.